

Title: Partnership Feedback from across the Brighton & Hove Strategic Partnership

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Name	City Inclusion Partnership
Date of meeting	6 th April 2012
Date of next meetings	12 th June 2012
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	The City Inclusion Partnership Work Plan has been agreed, with areas including equality issues in Human Resources across all the member organisations, sharing good practice and knowledge of the Equality Act 2010 and the public sector equality duties, and a focus on specific groups in the city and what gaps in data and what needs exist.
2	A key focus for the next meeting is work on the needs of students within the city, in terms of their access to services and specific issues for them within the city (including overseas students and their families). We will also have a focus on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the equalities elements within that.
<p>Additional Information The contact for the City Inclusion Partnership is Sarah Tighe-Ford, Equalities Co-ordinator, Communities and Equality team, Brighton and Hove City Council. Tel: 01273 292301 – Email: sarah.tighe-ford@brighton-hove.gov.uk</p>	

Name	Economic Partnership
Date of meeting	24 th April 2012
Date of next meetings	3 rd July 2012
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>The National Planning Policy Framework [NPPF] has been published and will impact directly on the development of the City Plan. The “presumption” to grant permission for developments that are “sustainable”, which forms a core plank of the NPPF, has already led to one developer resubmitting an application that had been rejected claiming that the new rules require it to be given consent. There may well be more instances like this making the completion and adoption of the City Plan an urgent consideration for the city. The Economic Partnership will be actively involved in the consultation process.</p>
2	<p>The Economic Partnership is working closely with the city council's Economic Development department to create a City Prospectus for inward investment. In the first instance this will be essentially a web-based facility that will furnish interested parties with a broad range of information to inform their location decisions.</p> <p>This project ties in with work that the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership [LEP] has conducted on inward investment in the wider LEP area [from Chichester to Lewes and from Brighton & Hove to Croydon]. The Economic Partnership was represented on the steering group for the LEP project.</p>
3	<p>A post Budget economic snapshot of the city's economy shows it performing well against national benchmarks e.g. unemployment, business creation, retail vacancy, office yields etc. However, there is concern about youth unemployment and an increase in homelessness.</p> <p>A number of sectors are performing strongly including hospitality and the visitor economy possibly aided by the “staycation” effect and the city council's continuing success in attracting conference business. The digital gaming industry is expected to benefit from tax breaks announced in the 2012 Budget.</p> <p>Although most major building projects have stalled there are a significant number of smaller projects being built to indicate that confidence in the local economy still remains high. Brighton is in a good place to take advantage of the upturn, when it eventually arrives</p>

Name	City Engagement Partnership
Date of meeting	22 nd May 2012
Date of next meetings	6 th September 2012
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	<p>First meeting as the City Engagement Partnership (CEP) – formerly the Stronger Communities Partnership, the CEP works as a ‘policy’ partnership on behalf of BHSP to provide expertise around community, stakeholder and public engagement. The CEP seeks to drive up the quality of engagement activities and works to ensure that high quality engagement is applied consistently across the family of partnerships. The CEP aims to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide strategic leadership around engagement, discussing partners planned engagement activities and providing advice and guidance 2. Be the place in the city where partners share best practice and lessons learnt from previous engagement activities 3. Provide consistent messages about how engagement should be carried out and provide tools and resources to enable this 4. Be a critical friend; providing ‘challenge’ to colleagues in a safe space and offering solutions to problems presented 5. Be the place in the city where resources and expertise around engagement is shared by all partners (including data) to avoid duplication of activities and prevent organisations from working in isolation. <p>To keep BHSP up to date on the work of CEP, an e-discussion list will be set up including partnership chairs and support officers. If you would like to be included on this discussion list please email lisa@cvsectorforum.org.uk.</p>
2	<p>Mapping Engagement in the City – CEP has started a mapping exercise to attempt to capture major engagement activities taking place in the city over the next 12 months. This was requested at the City Engagement Summit in September 2011 and will help CEP in its aims to provide strategic leadership around engagement in the city. The outcome of this work will be to produce an ‘Engagement Calendar’ which will become a shared resource that interested parties will be able to access to better plan their engagement activities. For more information, contact simon.newell@brighton-hove.gov.uk or to complete the template: http://bit.ly/HRVyN9.</p>
3	<p>The CEP discussed and provided advice on the following ‘engagement activities’ at its meeting: the City Plan, the We Live Here project, the Clinical Commissioning Group Engagement Review and Neighbourhood Governance. For papers visit: http://www.cvsectorforum.org.uk/scpartnership</p>

Name	City Employment & Skills Steering Group
Date of meeting	26 th April 2012
Date of next meetings	18 th July 2012
3 key points to be communicated from the Partnership Meeting to the Brighton and Hove Strategic Partnership	
1	The City skills shop was officially launched last month. The shop has been established by City College Brighton. Key partners are BrightonandHoveJobs.com, Albion in the Community's 'Want to Work' project and Brighton & Hove City Council who, as well as providing the location for the shop rent-free for a period of time, will be providing advice sessions from the Youth Employability Service. The shop is part-funded by ERDF via the Interreg 2seas GAPS project and the City Employment & Skills Steering Group. The shop provides apprenticeships, training and local opportunities to local residents.
2	The Economic development team is working with partners and consultants to develop a City Prospectus website to attract investment and generate employment opportunities in the city. Partners will also participate in the Eco-Technology show and the Smart Business Conference due to take place on 15-16 June
3	CESSG has launched an 'Invest in Young People' campaign. The campaign focuses on encouraging Brighton and Hove's employers to support young unemployed people by giving them an insight into their industries. An online survey hosted by Brightonandhovejobs.com has been launched to gather information on local employers' current and future plans to offer work experience opportunities, apprenticeships and internships. Employers will also be asked to consider giving talks in schools and colleges about the skills and qualifications required for their industry. The results will show to what extent local employers are planning to offer these opportunities as well as highlighting any perceived barriers that would prevent them from doing so.
Additional Information	
Phil Frier will retire in the end of August. CESSG members have been asked to send him their nominations if they're interested in taking the role of the chair for the group.	